

article and to include thereunder the liability of such subordinate governmental agencies as the county board of health, the school board, and other political and quasi-political subdivisions supported in whole or in part by the county, and to appropriate an amount sufficient for this purpose and levy a special tax if a special tax is necessary to pay the cost of same.

5. Amend Section ninety-seven - thirteen (b) by changing the comma to a period after the word "state" in line seven, and striking out the remainder of said paragraph, and in lieu thereof insert the following:

Amending Section 97 - 13 (b).

Except that any employer, without regard to number of employees, including an employer of domestic servants, farm laborers, or one who previously had exempted himself, who has purchased workmen's compensation insurance to cover his compensation liability shall be conclusively presumed during life of the policy to have accepted the provisions of this article from the effective date of said policy, and his employees shall be so bound unless waived as provided in this article.

6. Amend Section ninety-seven - nineteen by adding after the end of said section a new paragraph to read as follows:

Amending Section 97 - 19.

The principal or owner may insure any or all of his contractors and their employees in a blanket policy, and when so insured such contractor's employees will be entitled to compensation benefits regardless of whether the relationship of employer and employee exists between the principal and the contractor.

Providing that principal cover contractors and employees under blanket policy.

7. Amend Section ninety-seven - twenty-four by inserting a new subsection at the end thereof to be designated "(c)" as follows:

Amending Section 97 - 24.

(c) When all claims and reports required by this article have been filed, and the cases and records of which they are a part have been closed by proper reports, receipts, awards or orders, these records, may after five years, in the discretion of the commission, with and by the authorization and approval of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History, be destroyed by burning or otherwise.

8. Amend Section ninety-seven - twenty-nine by striking out all of the sentence beginning in line eleven which reads:

Amending Section 97 - 29.

"In case of death the total sum paid shall be six thousand dollars, less any amount that may have been paid as partial compensation during the period of disability, payable in one sum to the personal representative of deceased."

9. Amend Section ninety-seven - forty as follows:

Amending Section 97 - 40.